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has said about the speech of the Hon. Mr. Katju while introducing the measure in the Parliament at Delhi. As regards agreement, consultation and so on, I must say once and for all that we trust our people but at the same time we want to keep our powder dry."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Will the Hon. Chief Minister convey to the Union Government that it is the opinion of hon. Members of this House that this Preventive Detention Act is a drastic measure giving powers to the executive to curtail individual liberties of persons and that it should be removed from the Statute Book? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Even without our informing the Hon. Minister at Delhi, he knows that those who were detained under the Act do not like the Act."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" In view of the fact that this is a matter which affects the liberties of the people, will the Government consider it necessary to disclose the information they have got and consult the House on the same? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, the consultations in this matter are between one Government and another. I do not think it is the practice to put such references before the whole House. But there are certain cases where it would be relevant to ascertain the opinion of the House and in those cases, it will be placed before the House."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" ఈ Preventive Detention వల్ల బాధపడినవారెవ్వరు దీనిని కోరరు. మనం కూడా యీ Preventive Detention లో వున్నవారే కదా? ".

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" మీరు నిదానంగా మాట్లాడితే, చెప్పగలను."

Scales of pay of the employees of local bodies.

* 278 Q.—SRI S. NARAYANAPPA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state— 10-50 a.m.

(a) whether any representations were received regarding the enhancement of the scales of salaries of employees of local bodies to the level of the scales of similar employees in Revenue department of Government; and

(b) if so, what steps the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) Government rejected the request."

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister will be pleased to state whether the employees in the local boards have less work and less responsibility than the employees in the Revenue department, and whether he is going to consider the question of equalization of their salaries? "

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THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" No, Sir. The Government considered that the establishment bills of district boards and municipalities had already become burdensome, as they were mostly deficit, and therefore there was no possibility of revising the scales of pay further."

SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the representations made by the Chamber of District Boards in a number of resolutions for the enhancement of the scales of salaries of the employees of local boards to the level of the scales of pay of similar employees in the Revenue department? If so, what action have the Government taken? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Some boards and municipal councils might have represented the matter; but, as I said, many of them are in heavy deficit. I require notice to give any further details."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" May I ask the Hon. Minister for Local Administration whether he is aware of the fact that even a senior superintendent in the district boards is not receiving as much pay as an upper grade clerk in a Government office, even though he has put in more service as superintendent than the Government clerk? Will this inequity be removed? "

SRI M. R. RAMACHANDRAN :—" In view of the prevailing opinion in this House in regard to this matter, will not the Government reconsider their attitude with regard to the grant of equal pay to all the services? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" That requires a change in policy."

Abolition of L.I.M. course.

* 279 Q.—SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) why the School of Indigenous Medicine is to be abolished, and

(b) whether the Government propose to replace the L.I.M. and other course in the above college by any short-term course; and if so what the details of the scheme are?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) It was decided to have one standard of education in Indigenous Medicine viz., G.C.I.M., and consequently the L.I.M. course was abolished.

(b) No."

SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI :—" In view of the utility, cheapness and availability of the system for the common man in the villages and in view of the fact that the G.C.I.Ms. are not available for the rural dispensaries, will the Government reconsider their decision? "